(2) Standardisation, modernisation of manufacturing technologies,

(3) Bringing improvements in quality, safety, working environment,

(4) Legislation for safety, social security and welfare of construction workers,

(5) Developing mangerial capabilities and technical skills among construction workers,

(6) Introduction of new building materials so as to bring down cost etc.

(c) and (d) The Report of the Working Group has been circulated for comments to all the concerned Ministries of the Central Government concerned with construction activities.

1350. *Transferred to the 7th January, 1991*]

Request for Microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot with other Doordarshan Kendras

1351 SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has made a proposal to establish a Microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot with other Kendras of the State for Regional Network; and

(b) if so, whether any provision has been made for such linkage with INSAT-II Programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, it has been decided to distribute Regional TV Service in Gujarat *via* satellite on availability of suitable capacity.

Clearance to Sarapadi Hydroelectric Project in Karnataka

1352. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI . Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government have finally cleared Sarapadi Hydroelectric Project in Karnataka, and

(b) if so, whether any time schedule has been worked out ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA) : (a) The Sarapadi Hydro-electric Project 3×30 MW at an estimated cost of Rs. 193.12 crores for the Generation portion and Rs 4.93 crores for associated Transmission portion was accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority in December, 1990 subject to the following clearance by the Ministry of Environment & Forest :

(i) Both the Generation & Transmission portions from the environment angle;

(ii) the Transmission portion from the forest angle

The project would be processed for final approval after the above clearance are arranged by the State

(b) The time schedule would be worked out after the final clearance of the project.